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STATE TELEGRAM 187266 OF 26 AUGUST REFERRED TO THE VISIT OF THE MANUKAU CITY ENGINEER, MR JOHN WEIR, TO THE U.S. AND IT CONTAINED RECOMMENDATIONS FOR CONTACTS FOR HIM. SUBSEQUENTLY WE ADVISED COMMERCE THAT MR WEIR HAD ALREADY LEFT AND GAVE FOR HIM A CONTACT IN SAN FRANCISCO. IT WAS SUGGESTED THAT COMMERCE ENDEAVOUR TO CONTACT WEIR AT THE ST. FRANCIS HOTEL, UNION SQUARE OVER THE PERIOD AUGUST 26-31.

SUBSEQUENTLY THE CONSULATE IS ADVISED THAT G.A. TAIT, DIRECTOR OF WORKS AND W.V. CLAY, DESIGN ENGINEER OF AUCKLAND REGIONAL AUTHORITY ARE VISITING THE U.S. ON AUTHORITY BUSINESS OVER A PERIOD OF 3 WEEKS COMMENCING SEPTEMBER 20. THEIR INTERESTS IN THE U.S. PARALLEL THOSE OF MR WEIR. FOR BACKGROUND, THE A.R.A. HAS CONTROL OVER A NUMBER OF UTILITY SERVICES REGIONAL TO THE GREATER AUCKLAND AREA, INCLUDING TAKAPUNA CITY, THE CITY OF AUCKLAND AND MANUKAU CITY.

TAIT AND CLAY ARE VALUABLE CONTACTS AS THEY ARE REGIONAL ENGINEERS AND PLANNERS FOR THE CITY

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SERVICES REQUIRED OVER THE GREATER AUCKLAND AREA.

THEY HAVE BEEN GIVEN THE INFORMATION CONTAINED IN
STATES 187266 AND PLAN TO CONTACT A NUMBER OF THE
PEOPLE THEREIN.

THE CONSULATE HAS ALSO REFERRED THEM TO THE USDOC
PROJECT OFFICER, PAULETTE WOLFSON, BIC/OED. THE
CONTACT ADDRESS FOR MESSRS TAIT AND CLAY IN THE
UNITED STATES WILL BE ADVISED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

CONSULATE WOULD APPRECIATE CONCURRENCE THIS APPROACH
IN VIEW OF SHORT LEAD TIME.
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